



2000 Census of Population and Housing

Summary of 1990 to 2000 Census Tract Boundary Changes

City of Detroit – Planning and Development Department

Census Tract Boundary Changes

For the 2000 Census, the City of Detroit, following instructions provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, combined 1990 census tracts. The City also split a census tract. In addition, the U.S. Census Bureau realigned census tract boundaries. Outlined below are the changes that effect housing and population figures. These changes are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1

The City of Detroit combined the following 1990 census tracts for the 2000 Census:

- 1990 census tracts **5112** and **5113** combined into 2000 census tract **5112**
- 1990 census tracts **5114** and **5115** combined into 2000 census tract **5115**
- 1990 census tracts **5140** and **5142** combined into 2000 census tract **5140**
- 1990 census tracts **5155** and **5156** combined into 2000 census tract **5156**
- 1990 census tracts **5172** and **5173** combined into 2000 census tract **5172**
- 1990 census tracts **5183** and **5184** combined into 2000 census tract **5184**
- 1990 census tracts **5187** and **5188** combined into 2000 census tract **5188**
- 1990 census tracts **5211** and **5212** combined into 2000 census tract **5211**

The City of Detroit split census tract **5165**. The portion of the 1990 census tract 5165 along the east riverfront remains. The portion of the 1990 census tract 5165 which encompassed Belle Isle has become 2000 census tract **5158**.

Figure 2

For the 2000 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau realigned boundaries of 1990 census tracts 5132, 5133 and 5134.

- In 1990 the north/south boundary of census tracts **5133** and **5134** followed Avondale, Kitchener and Essex streets. For the 2000 census, the boundary has shifted south along Avondale and Averhill streets. The resulting change is that the population of six blocks has shifted from 1990 census tract 5133 into 2000 census tract 5134.
- Furthermore, the boundary separating the southwest corner of census tract **5132** from census tract **5133** followed Newport and Essex streets. For the 2000 census, the boundary has shifted northeast, following Freud and Lakewood Streets. The resulting change is that the population of one block has shifted from 1990 census tract 5132 into 2000 census tract 5133.

Realigned Boundaries - Table

1990 Tract	1990 Block	2000 Tract
5132	207	5133
5133	105	5134
5133	106	5134
5133	110	5134
5133	111	5134
5133	112	5134
5133	212	5134
5133	213	5134
5133	214	5134

Guidelines for Census Tract Boundary Changes

The U.S. Census Bureau provided the following guidelines for delineation of 2000 census tracts:

...to meet the needs of local data users and the basic goals of the census tract program, that is to provide a small-area statistical unit with comparable boundaries between censuses.

Further criteria provided by the Census Bureau to guide the City in determining 1990 to 2000 census tract changes included the requirement that census tract boundaries follow visible identifiable features wherever possible (i.e. roads, railways, shorelines, etc...). The Census Bureau also stipulated population ranges for census tracts. Census tracts were required to have a minimum population of 1,500, a maximum of 8,000 and an optimum population of 4,000 inhabitants.

However, with appropriate justification, the Census Bureau granted exceptions on a case-by-case basis for census tracts with less than the minimum population. For example, to facilitate census tract comparability over time, any 1990 census tract that has a small change in population may be recognized as a census tract for Census 2000 even if its population falls below the minimum population.

Other exceptions include census tracts that reflect high commercial, retail, employment or recreational concentrations. These types of tracts serve a purpose beyond a population-based goal and may be retained or split even if the population falls below the minimum population.

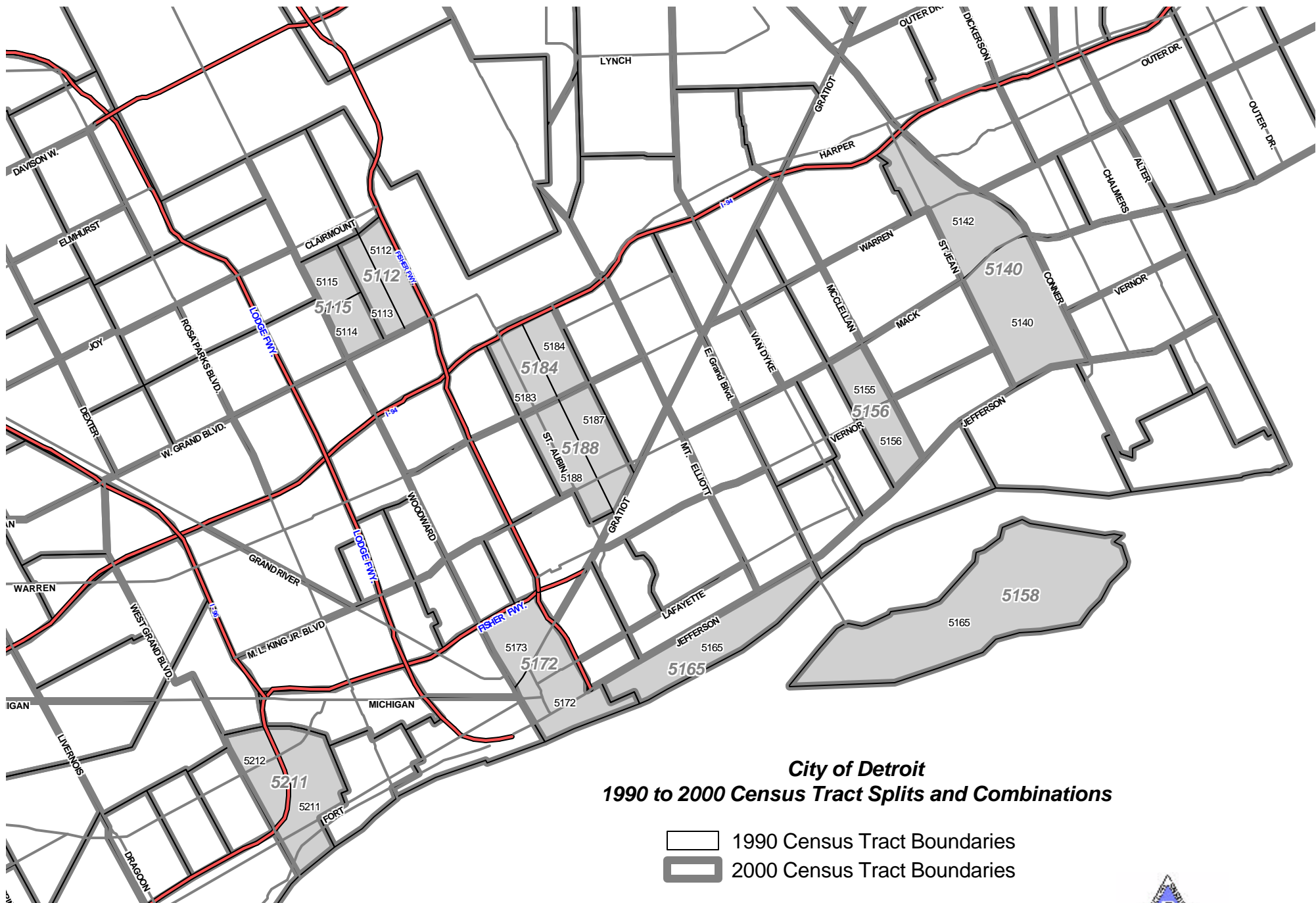


Figure 1

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City of Detroit
1990 to 2000 Census Tract Splits and Combinations

- 1990 Census Tract Boundaries
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Figure 2

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